

1.1.215-257 Quick Write (Romeo & Rosaline)*Romeo and Juliet*

Close Reading Directions: Read the following passage; it is the first scene in the first act in *Romeo and Juliet*. As you read, Mark the Text and Write in the Margins using the following guidelines.

Mark the Text:

- Box unknown words/phrases
- Circle important nouns
- Underline important details
- Highlight any information that shows you about the relationship between Romeo and Rosaline

Write in the Margins:

- **Respond:** What do you notice about how Romeo speaks about Rosaline?
- **Respond:** How does Benvolio respond to Romeo's love for Rosaline? What does this say about what Benvolio thinks about his cousin?

1.1.215-257**Benvolio**

215 Tell me in sadness, who is that you love?

Romeo

What, shall I groan and tell thee?

Benvolio

Groan? Why, no;
But sadly tell me who.

Romeo

Bid a sick man in sadness make his will.
220 Ah, word ill urged to one that is so ill!
In sadness, cousin, I do love a woman.

Benvolio

I aimed so near when I supposed you loved.

Romeo

A right good markman! And she's fair I love.

Benvolio

A right fair mark, fair coz, is soonest hit.

Romeo

225 Well, in that hit you miss. She'll not be hit
With Cupid's arrow. She hath Dian's wit,
And, in strong proof chastity well armed,
From Love's weak childish bow she lives unharmed.
She will not stay the siege of loving terms,
230 Nor bide the encounter of assailing eyes,
Nor ope her lap to saint-seducing gold.
O, she is rich in beauty; only poor
That, when she dies, with beauty dies her store.

Benvolio

Then she hath sworn that she will still live
235 chaste?

Romeo

She hath, and in that sparing makes huge waste;
For beauty, starved with her severity,
Cuts beauty off from all posterity.
She is too fair, too wise, wisely too fair,
240 To merit bliss by making me despair.
She hath forsworn to love, and in that vow
Do I live dead that live to tell it now.

Benvolio

Be ruled by me: forget to think of her.

Romeo

Benvolio

Romeo

Benvolio

[Exeunt.]

Do Romeo and Rosaline feel the same way about their relationship? Why or why not?

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*Stuck? Try using the following sentence frame for your **Main Idea** sentence.

In Act I, Scene 1 in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Romeo and Rosaline (do/do not) feel the same way about their relationship; Romeo feels _____, and Rosaline feels _____.